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SUBJECT: FERTILIZER PLANT

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1. TEAM FROM U.S. FIRM, AGRICO, IN AMMAN DECEMBER 11-17
TO DISCUSS PROPOSED FERTILIZER PLANT WITH GOJ COMMITTEE.
ACCORDING TO COMPANY OFFICER AND BUDGET DIRECTOR (ON GOJ
COMMITTEE), MOST PROBLEMS RESOLVED AND AGRICO TEAM PLANS
RETURN AMMAN IN JANUARY TO FINALIZE AGREEMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO BUDGET DIRECTOR OBAYD, EQUITY IN NEW FIRM
TO BE JD 20 MILLION, OF WHICH AGRICO WILL SUPPLY 25 PERCENT,
WHILE GOJ AND PHOSPHATE COMPANY, CONTROLLED BY GOJ, WILL
EACH SUPPLY 25 PERCENT. AMONG OTHER POSSIBLE SOURCES OF
EQUITY CAPITAL ARE IFC, KUWAIT FUND AND FRENCH FIRM, PRESUMABLY
RHONE-PROGIL, WHICH IS TO SUPPLY PATENTED MANUFACTURING PROCESS
(REFTEL).

3. MAIN PROBLEMS TO BE RESOLVED ARE CLAUSE REQUIRING
80 PERCENT VOTE OF EQUITY FOR CERTAIN DECISIONS, WHICH WOULD
GIVE AGRICO EFFECTIVE VETO AND SITE LOCATION. AGRICO PLANS BASED ON
LOCATING PLANT ON GULF OF AQABA AND BELIEVES ANY OTHER LOCATION WOULD
NOT BE PROFITABLE WHEN FERTILIZER PRICES FALL. TEXAS A&M
MARINE BIOLOGIST HAS ADVISED GOJ THAT PLANT WOULD DESTROY
MARINE LIFE AROUND AQABA. AGRICO IS PREPARING TO COUNTER
STUDY NOW UNDERWAY SUGGESTING LOCATION AWAY FROM AQABA.
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